

AMENDMENTS TO LB975

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2667)

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
2 insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. A person, group, or organization shall be immune from any  
4 action by the state or any political subdivision for any act or acts of  
5 discrimination of any type or kind whatsoever against any person, group,  
6 or organization if such discrimination is based on sincerely held  
7 religious beliefs. The assertion of such beliefs, standing alone, is  
8 sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this section and may not be  
9 challenged in any judicial or other proceedings of any kind whatsoever.  
10 This immunity is absolute.

11           Sec. 2. Any person, group, or organization shall be granted absolute  
12 immunity from any action by the state or any political subdivision for  
13 any act or acts of discrimination of any type or kind whatsoever against  
14 any other person, group, or organization if such person, group, or  
15 organization prior to committing any act or acts of discrimination  
16 against any other person, group, or organization has obtained from the  
17 Secretary of State a license denominated LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE bearing  
18 the official Seal of the State of Nebraska and valid for one year from  
19 the date of purchase.

20           Sec. 3. The cost of such license shall be determined by the  
21 Secretary of State based on reasonable administrative costs of the  
22 program but in no case shall the cost exceed thirty-three dollars. If the  
23 maximum cost of thirty-three dollars fails to cover reasonable  
24 administrative costs as determined by the Secretary of State, the  
25 Legislature shall make a deficit appropriation to the Office of Secretary  
26 of State earmarked to erase such deficit and denominated "Deficit

1 Appropriation to the LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE PROGRAM" which is hereby  
2 created and into which shall be deposited all revenue derived from sale  
3 of licenses herein described.

4       Sec. 4. Any person holding a valid LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE who  
5 develops sincerely held religious beliefs which lead to the necessity to  
6 discriminate against any person, group, or organization in order to  
7 conform to such newly acquired sincerely held religious beliefs shall be  
8 entitled to claim from the Office of Secretary of State a prorated refund  
9 of the cost paid for such license calculated on the basis of how much  
10 time remained for such license to be valid on the date such license  
11 holder came into possession of such sincerely held religious beliefs on  
12 which said discrimination is grounded. Such prorated refund shall be  
13 made, no questions asked. Such person holding such newly acquired  
14 sincerely held religious beliefs shall thenceforth be entitled to the  
15 immunity granted by section 1 of this act.